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- 2 ul and repair on cars belonging to state factories and businesses. Military cars are handled only when the regular military repair shops are full.
  - The best cars belong to the Army, and among them are considerable numbers of new Czech "Tatra" and Russian "Pobieda" cars.
  - The state "Lasttransport" (Truck transport) State Undertaking has its own shop in Szombathely, which also often handles repairs on small Russian electric motors of five or six hp. The purpose for which these motors are used is unknown.
  - There are no private cars in Szombathely and its neighborhood. The last privately owned trucks were seized in the fall of 1951. These included some 20 privately owned taxis, whose owners were summoned to Budapest and informed that the state was taking over their cars at 1,000 to 1,500 forints each, for cars which in good condition would cost 40,000 forints. The owners automatically became state employees.
  - The Szombathely repair shop has seven lathes, one shaping machine and one drill. There are many shortages, that of wrenches being peculiarly acute. There is a continual shortage of motor oil, and work quotas are seldom fulfilled.
  - An apprentice gets 36 forints a week in theory, but so much of his time has to be spent in "voluntary" work that he can rarely make more than 120 forints a month. Lunch is free, but usually consists only of beans or cabbage.
  - Of the 80 workers, 26 are Party members, but only four of them are genuine Communists

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